

Robinette Log Farmhouse
AL-111-B-148
western side of Iron's Mountain
vicinity of Cumberland
east quarter 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robinette Log Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

western side of Iron's Mountain

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Millard A. Robinette

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE zip code
Maryland 21502**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 187
Folio #: 711

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Robinette Log Farmhouse is located on the western side of Iron's Mountain near Cumberland.

This building consists of a two story, three bays wide rectangular log structure with "V" notching. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with no apparent water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and fascia. An original brick chimney is located inside end and a replaced brick chimney is located outside end.

The main entrance in the center of the northeastern facade has been boarded up. An entrance in the center of the southwestern facade has a one panel and one light door. Six over six light windows are pegged with wooden slipsills; some on the first floor have simple hoods. A shed roofed porch is on the southwest. A frame addition covered with insulbrick abuts the southwestern facade of the original. Other log buildings, including a smaller house, a barn, and a granary are located on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log farmhouse has been in the Robinette family for a hundred years.⁽¹⁾ "Robinette is a historic name in Allegany County, and is honorably linked with the pioneer families in the early settlement of the county."⁽²⁾

The property is known as the "Gilles Robinette Farm."⁽³⁾ Gilles Robinette bought the three tracts comprising the farm at separate times, two of them in 1879 and the third in 1889.⁽⁴⁾ In his will probated February 4, 1896, Gilles Robinette left all his "real estate" to his two sons, Charles and Oliver. "The household goods I devise to my son, Oliver Robinette,... all my farming implements and my two horses and cow..."⁽⁵⁾ The Robinettes kept the farm in the family; the present owner Millard Robinette, has owned it since 1939.⁽⁶⁾

The Robinette Log Farmhouse is a typical log dwelling for Allegany County with its three bays wide structure and "V" notching of the logs. It stands as a reminder of a well-known farming family of this county.

(1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 49, Folio 112

(2) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titworth and Co.) P-1075

(3) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 184, Folio 711

(4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 49, Folio 112, Liber 54, Folio 123
Liber 66, Folio 327

(5) Allegany County Wills, Liber G Folio 156

(6) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 184, Folio 711

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thomas, James W. and Williams. T.J.C. History of Allegany County.
Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50.25 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator
Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

DATE
April 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944
STATE
Maryland 21502

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Robinette Log Farmhouse
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 184, Folio 711

Grantee: Millard A. Robinette

Date: October 14, 1939

Grantor: Ira H. and Theodocia Robinette, Theodora
Robinette, Anderson G. and Ollie Robinette,
C. Emory Robinette, Mae I. and Bruce Garlitz,
Blanche M. Robinette

Notes: Grantors are children of Charles Robinette; deed states that property
is known as the "Gilless Robinette Farm."

Allegany County Deed: Liber 99, Folio 257

Grantee: Charles Robinette

Date: February 24, 1906

Grantor: Oliver and Alice Robinette

Notes: Oliver and Alice Robinette gave Charles $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the property.

Allegany County Wills: Liber 6, Folio 156

Probated

Grantee: Charles and Oliver Robinette

Date: February 4, 1896

Grantor: Gilless Robinette

Notes: Left all "real estate" to two sons, Charles and Oliver.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 66, Folio 327

Grantee: Gilless Robinette

Date: March 30, 1889

Grantor: Henry Dicken, et. ux.

Consideration: \$150

Allegany County Deed: Liber 54, Folio 123

Grantee: Gilless Robinette

Date: August 9, 1879

Grantor: John W. Irons, et. ux.

Consideration: \$150

Allegany County Deed: Liber 49, Folio 112

Grantee: Gilless Robinette

Date: May 4, 1879

Grantor: George C. Robinette et. ux.

Consideration: \$250

INVENTORY NO: #44DATE: 7/8

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Robinetto Log house ^{FARM}


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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: W. of Moon's Hollow RdDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~NE~~ NENAME OF OWNER: check mailbox - negative status MAP 39ADDRESS: Millard Robinette 187/711 50.25 Acres p 59
ph. #

STORIES: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(✓) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on E of Log. frame w/ insul sidingDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(✓) LOG
() OTHER: Coverings 

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubbleWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(✓) 9/6() 9/9() other() plain frame wood large ship
pegged(✓) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center 1 p. 1 light
HARDWARE: original() replaced(✓)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsOverhang
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(✓) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt: tan paper original() replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick orig Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end(✓) Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door & Windows: orig Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular Repl.

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____Log Barn
Log Granary
one other log house fallen in



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DAVID A. DORSEY

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